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Summer campaign aims to save lives

BY DAN STEBER
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The Naval Safety Center, in partnership with the Marine Corps Safety Division, has launched a new theme for this year's Critical Days of Summer campaign.

The 24/7 Operation Summer Force Preservation theme is part of an effort to remind sailors and Marines to be alert, aware and able to manage risk all day, every day. "The period between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day too often claims the lives of sailors, Marines, and civilians involved in private motor vehicle (PMV) and off-duty recreational mishaps," said Rear Adm. George Mayer, commander of the Naval Safety Center. "These critical days pose greater risks for several reasons. We take family vacations and often travel greater distances than we should without resting or taking a break. The weather is ideal for water sports and the risks that go along with them, such as drowning and boating/jet-ski mishaps. Outdoor activities might include barbecuing, hiking, attending beach parties, playing sports, and driving recreational vehicles."

The Naval Safety Center supports this annual outreach campaign and encourages sailors, Marines, and civilians to take care of themselves and of each other and make the summer season safe and enjoyable. The new

24/7 effort seeks to increase the attention on self preservation and to get renewed emphasis on making risk management part of everyday life, not just a tool to use at work. During the summer periods from 2002 through 2005, the Navy and Marine Corps lost 220 sailors and Marines in PMV, recreation and other off-duty incidents. Of those deaths, 166 were in PMV crashes alone.

"Unfortunately, alcohol is included in many of these activities, with the risk of over consumption," said Mayer, referring to the list of risks sailors and Marines face during the summer and mishaps that take too many lives each year.

That fact is borne out in the statistics that show at least 31 percent of the fatalities mentioned involved alcohol. Other problems are speed, fatigue, aggressive driving, and lack of seatbelt use.

The numbers also show that 25 percent of the fatalities occurred while riding motorcycles, and 73 percent of the victims were 18 to 26 years old. Various materials to support the 24/7 Operation Summer Force Preservation theme are available on the Naval Safety Center web site at www.safety-center.navy.mil/seasonal/criticaldays. Sailors, Marines, civilians, commanding officers, officers-in-charge and safety leaders can download a media kit, activity planner with weekly topics, and multimedia resources. The Naval Safety Center urges commands to use these tools to develop local campaigns.



Remember to Buckle Up - SKI Tonya Austin of the Naval Reserve Recruiting Region receives a lesson on proper use of a seatbelt during the Memorial Day car inspections done by the NSA Mid-South Safety Office. (Photo by David W. Crenshaw)

An interview with Lois Lane

BY ART FRITH
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To millions of Baby Boomers, Noel Neill will forever be known for her portrayal of Lois Lane, and for that, she's extremely proud. Neill is here in the Mid-South today through Saturday appearing at the Memphis Film Festival, which is being held at the Whispering Woods Hotel & Convention Center in Olive Branch.

The daughter of a respected Minnesota newspaper reporter and editor, Neill never fulfilled her father's hopes that she would one day follow in his footsteps and work in the business. To paraphrase a current ad campaign, "I'm not a reporter, but I did play one on TV and in the movies." The first live-action Lois Lane, Neill has been associated

with the role of the nosy newspaper woman now for seven decades. Her first appearance as Lois was in the Columbia Pictures movie serial *Superman* (1948), and the sequel *Superman vs. Atom Man* (1950), which featured Kirk Alyn as the Man of Steel. However, it was when she joined the cast of *The Adventures of Superman*, replacing Phyllis Coates after the series' first season, that Neill became synonymous with Lois Lane.

Filming a show in the early days of television is much different than today. According to Neill, the shooting schedule for the show was hectic at times. "Back then, shows were shot in clusters, such as scenes in Perry White's office for all 26 episodes were shot in

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Noel Neill discusses her nearly 70-year association with the Superman legacy with the writer last Friday. (Photo by Teresa J. Frith)

EX-SPOUSE 10-YEAR RULE HIT

Senators vote to end Ex-Spouse Law's '10-year rule'

BY TOM PHILPOTT

The Senate Armed Services Committee has voted to end the "10-year rule" used by the government for more than two decades to screen court orders seeking automatic payment of retired pay to former military spouses.

The change is one of three adjustments to the Uniformed Services Former Spouses Protection Act (USFSPA) in the Senate's version of the 2007 defense authorization bill (S 2766). All three are intended to streamline administration of the controversial 1982 law, said Senate staff.

If approved by the full Congress, the changes would be the first made to the military ex-spouse law in 14 years. They would ease how future court orders are handled for former spouses rather than past court orders.

The 10-year rule has required the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) to turn away requests for automatic payment of retired pay to ex-spouses unless the couple had been married at least 10 years during which the service member completed 10 years of creditable service.

The rule's elimination "would solve a lot of problems," said Marsha Warthen, board president of Ex-POSE, a military former spouse support group. "We are contacted regularly by spouses who just missed the 10-year requirement."

The 10-year rule would end 120 days after the bill is signed. Retroactive sharing of benefits based on the change would be prohibited.

Change two in the Senate Bill would direct DFAS to comply with all court requests for making cost-of-living adjustments to ex-spouse shares of retirement. DFAS now applies COLAs only to ex-spouse shares set as a percentage of a retiree's annuity. COLAs are not applied to ex-spouse shares that courts state in dollar amounts. This change would apply to court orders that take affect 90 days after the bill is enacted.

The third change would end a requirement that DFAS notify retirees and provide them copy when DFAS receives a court order directing division of retired pay. The Senate would shave that paperwork burden by forwarding court orders only to retirees who had told DFAS they want to be notified.

Warthen said future ex-spouses will be most pleased to see the 10-year rule end. When DFAS is barred from assisting with automatic payments, courts order retirees to make payments directly to ex-spouses. But many former spouses can't "track down" retirees, she said.

"It causes great expense for spouses who have minimal income and minimal leverage to recoup (missed payments) or to go back to court for enforcement. Some of them just give up," said Warthen.

The 10-year rule also has been an irritant to retirees. If DFAS can't accommodate a

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COMMENTARY



Leaders possess great peripheral vision

Leaders share a common trait - they have great awareness of their surroundings. Never content with just looking straight ahead, leaders remove their blinders and keep a close watch on where they are going, where they are and where they came from. Do you have this kind of peripheral vision? Do you "keep your head on a swivel?"

A common leadership training phrase is, "If you see a problem, you own the problem." I think the meaning is clear. Unfortunately, I'm not sure enough of you truly buy into this statement. Every time one of us walks by a problem and turns a blind eye, we (perhaps unintentionally) condone what we see. The long-term effect is that we (or the offenders) become complacent.

I would like to take a minute this week to discuss leadership and why it's so important you all not only say you are a leader, you prove you're a leader.

Our Navy is getting smaller, we're building smaller ships, the number of individual augmentations is on the rise and we don't have any extra people. All these things combined mean today, more than ever before, each of us is vital to the future of our Navy, and the future has no room for those who can't or won't lead.

The good news is most of you are taking the challenge in stride and doing your best to lead and train others. I've traveled all throughout Fleet Forces Command, and I'm still amazed at your incredible enthusiasm and energy. Our accomplishments are significant and think it's clear our future is bright.

Having said that, I think it's important we all pause now and then to ask ourselves if we're doing everything we can to be the leaders we would like others to see us as. Nothing impresses me more than to see a sailor stop another and correct a deficiency,

whether that is a failure to salute an officer or a sailor violating a uniform regulation. What doesn't impress me is watching sailors turn a blind eye and pretending not to see the problem, or refusing to correct the deficiency. In my book, you are either a leader or you're not a leader. There's no room in our Navy for part-time leaders.

Leadership is not a collateral duty - it's your most important duty. We expect a lot from our sailors, and almost all of you deliver in spades. You've all heard the phrase, "You're a sailor first, and a rating specialist second." I particularly like that phrase because it helps us all keep things in perspective. While we all do our best to be technically proficient in our respective fields, we all share a common bond as leaders. To serve as a sailor, each of us is charged with lofty expectations: We must lead; we must train our replacements; we must be respectful; we must practice discipline. If you do these things, you should have no problem living up to our core values - honor, courage and commitment.

The other day I heard someone ask another sailor, "Do you have the courage to honor your commitment?" Wow. That's pretty good. The more I thought about that the more I liked it. It's actually what made me want to address leadership this week. Think about it - leadership takes courage more than anything else. Most people know what is right and wrong, but only the strongest leaders do their best to ensure others live up to our standards as well as themselves.

Shipmates, don't be afraid to speak up if you see something wrong. You have every right to challenge another person (respectfully) who is violating one of our instructions or standards. If the person is junior to you, the response should be something



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along the lines of, "Aye, aye." If the person is senior, I think you'll find often the response is, "Hey, thanks for letting me know, I'll square it away." Sound silly? I don't think so. I see it and hear it often. I've had many a junior person confront me in my career and I always thanked them for pointing something out to me that might have saved me some embarrassment with other senior people. I would hope every senior person would take that approach.

On a final note, I want to share with you the need to be tactful. I believe each of us needs to do our best to respect others, junior and senior. I always try to ask a person to square him or herself away before giving an order. It makes for a better confrontation and avoids escalating a situation into an argument. I'm sure you all know what I mean. Do your level best to first live up to the standards yourself, and then help others achieve the same high standards. The final piece is consistency. Don't be a part-time problem solver. Each of us needs to uphold our standards all the time, not just when it's convenient to us or we feel comfortable. Leadership is not completely comfortable. If you ever start feeling completely comfortable in your leadership it's probably time to pause and think about it for a moment.

Good luck, shipmates! Keep up the good work and thanks for your service and your leadership!

OOOPS!

COURTESY OF THE NAVAL SAFETY CENTER

Welcome to the latest edition of "Ooops!," your weekly digest of delta sierras and other disappointments.

Haven't had a good "Foon!" in a while, and this one is a great one (by "great," of course, we mean "awful"). An AT1 was using that most idiotic of all so-called "accelerants" (that's what the report called it) to help start his bonfire, namely, gasoline. He posted himself less than a foot away when he lit it off, and, as you all know perfectly well, he was immediately experiencing what a match head feels like after being struck against the side of the matchbox.

Please allow me a moment to clarify a couple terms. For one thing, I'm not sure "accelerant" is the right word. "Explosive" would be more like it, because gas-soaked wood doesn't start and then speed up, it goes straight to light speed. So when I say "immediately," I'm talking right-now, blink-of-an-eye, what-the-heck-happened-to-my-eye-brows-and-moustache fast.

The sailor dropped, rolled and extinguished himself, but not before suffering second and third degree burns on his head, hands, arms, feet and legs. He spent two weeks in a hospital and a month on light duty.

Time for another Friday Funnies quiz. What did the clerk-typist do before opening a package of knives? A. Put on a pair of work gloves. B. Spend two minutes considering how the knives inside might (or might not) be packaged. C. Nothing - she just opened the package and reached inside.

Instead of telling you the answer, I'll ask another question, which will be all that veteran readers of this message will need in order to deduce the answer to question one. Question two: what did the clerk-typist do after opening the package of knives? A. Select one and go about her task. B. Look for the first aid kit. Figure it out? Good. You must be sharp. Just like the knife. Not like the clerk-typist.

And speaking of sharp, pointy things, ever wonder what the record is for the quickest injury after purchase of a new knife? We have an MA3 who bought one at the exchange, and as he was taking it out of the sheath (this was what Crocodile Dundee would call a knife, not one of those piddly little pocketknives), he (the sailor, not Crocodile Dundee) sliced through a tendon and part of another in his fingers. The docs predicted 4-6 months to rehab from this one.

An ATAN trying to jump (as the report puts it) "with skateboard from handrail to ground." His reward for this valiant effort was a broken schnoz and a concussion. He was in a park that was closed and there wasn't much light, but it's hard to think those two factors made much difference. He wasn't wearing a helmet, but that probably wouldn't have helped, either. One lost day, and five days of light duty.

That's all for this time, shipmates. Until next week, cogitate on this with me. Is it really a mishap when the quote-unquote victim was asking for it? Phrased differently, are you allowed to say "Ooops!" when you are trying to do something that is both difficult and unnecessary?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Fleet Reserve Association Branch 86 will have its New Officer Installation meeting at 6:30 p.m., June 19, with dinner to follow inside Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7175 at 4681 Cuba-Millington Road. Members will honor 50-consecutive-year membership in the FRA, will be presented to Branch 86 member Arnold E. Semsch. For more information, call the VFW at 872-7175 or 872-2676.

Tennessee Funfest - Have fun with Dad at the AgriCenter with the Tennessee Funfest & the Tennessee State Championship BBQ Contest. The event will be held at the AgriCenter Father's Day weekend, June 15-17, 2006.

A CREDO Marriage Enrichment Retreat will be held July 28-30. Contact the Base Chapel @ 874-5341 for more information.

The Children's Museum of Memphis presents Hot Shot, Saturdays in July. Learn about the importance of immunization from this puppet that raps and sings about childhood vaccinations. All ages. Hours: 3 pm. Included with museum admission. The Memphis Pink Palace Museum announces an adult lecture series about the brain, in connection with two new exhibits. Functions and Structures of the Brain will be on June 27, 2006, 1:30pm-2:30pm. The Brain Lecture Series is formatted for adults, but all ages are welcome. Tuesday lectures are free, while Saturday lectures are free with exhibit admission: \$8.25 adults, \$7.75 seniors, \$5.75 children. For information, call (901) 320-6388.

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society offers assistance if a personal emergency occurs. This organization exists to help Sailors, Marines and their families in need. The hours of operation are as follows: Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If help is needed, please call NMCRS to schedule an appointment @ 874-7350. The NMCRS Thrift Store is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month.

Chaplain's Corner

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

BY CHAPLAIN ROB BEEDE

King Duncan, in his book, *Amazing Grace*, tells about a father who said that Father's Day was the one day when his children would listen to him. "I tell them not to spend a lot of money on gifts for me They never do!"

Being a father is the best thing that happened to me, besides being married (actually the two somehow seem to go hand in hand!). From the moment my son and daughter were born, I felt an instant bonding with them, and a deep love for them. If you have kids, you know the feeling. Interestingly, the Jewish Scriptures describe God's love for us in similar terms (Psalm 103:13). It speaks of God's love as being deep and constant, faithful and never wavering.

It is comforting and awesome to know that as we go through life, God cares for us and watches over us. Happy Father's Day!

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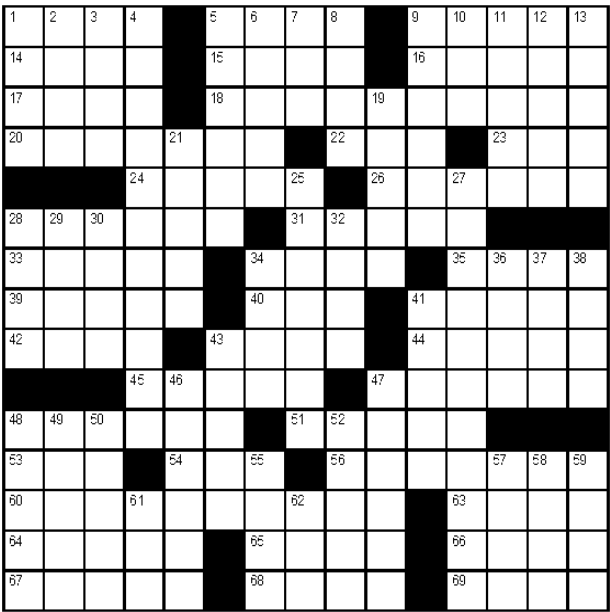
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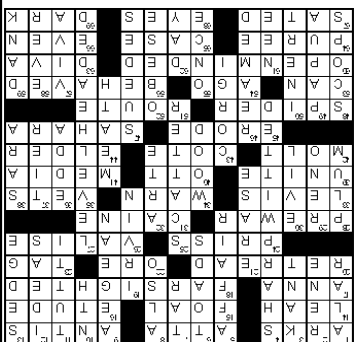
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The legacy of fathers

On the third Sunday in June, children all over the United States will present their fathers with yet another colorful tie, or perhaps a hand-made or store-bought card in honor of Father's Day, a day set aside to celebrate what our Dads mean to us.

The origin of Father's Day is not clear. Some say it began with a church service in West Virginia in 1908. Others say it started when Harry Meek, president of the Chicago branch of the Lion's Club, held a Father's Day celebration in 1915. What is known is that the strongest promoter of a Father's Day holiday was Mrs. Bruce John Dodd of Spokane, Wash.

In 1909, Dodd wanted to have a church

service for her father in respect for his sacrifices and hard work in raising six children by himself after the death of Dodd's mother. She asked her minister to hold the ceremony on June 5, which was her father's birthday. Because of her effort, many people started celebrating Father's Day in June.

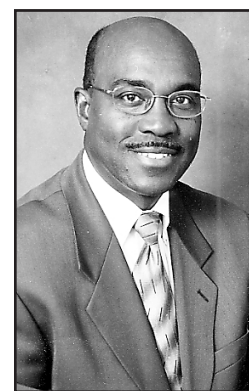
After this, states and organizations began to lobby Congress to declare an annual national Father's Day. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson approved of the idea, but it wasn't until 1924 that President Calvin Coolidge made it a national event. In 1972, President Richard Nixon signed a law making it a permanent



male in their lives. So, whether you remember that special man in your life with a card, a gift or a phone call, take some time out on June 18 to celebrate Father's Day.

holiday to be celebrated each year on the third Sunday in June.

Nowadays, people not only pay tribute to their biological fathers on Father's Day, they also honor their stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, or other special



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Healthy swimming behaviors help prevent the spread of waterborne illness.

* Don't swim when you have diarrhea. This is especially important for kids in diapers. You can spread germs in the water and make other people sick.

* Don't swallow the pool water. In fact, avoid getting water in your mouth.

* Take a shower before swimming and wash hands after using the toilet or changing diapers. Germs on your body may end up in the water.

Pool Care

Proper pool care is crucial to preventing waterborne illnesses.

The Environmental Sanitation Section of the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department regularly inspects all public pools, but not private backyard pools. Private pool owners are responsible for maintaining safe swimming conditions. Here are some important steps:

* Test Your Water: Before opening your home pool or spa for the summer, take a quart of sample water to an authorized pool supply dealer for testing. Many will analyze water samples for free and recommend what adjustments need to be made to make the pool safe for swimming.

* Maintain Proper Chlorine Levels: Chlorine or other sanitizer needs to be present in the pool or hot tub at all times. It reacts

instantly with waste products to sanitize and protect your pool. Chlorine levels should be tested several times a week in a pool and even more often in hot tubs and spas. Chlorine and other disinfectants evaporate more quickly in hot tubs and spas because of higher temperatures.

* "Shock" Your Pool

Regularly - about every two weeks - to get rid of waste products. "Shocking" a pool refers to using a chemical process called oxidation to break down water-soluble bather waste.

If you have questions about waterborne illnesses or pool sanitation, call the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department's General Sanitation Section at 544-7656, Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



PROVIDED BY THE MEMPHIS AND SHELBY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Now that most municipal and public swimming pools are open, it's officially swimming season in the Mid-South.

Swimming is good exercise and fun for the entire family, but it comes with some risks. The Memphis and Shelby County Health Department wants you and your family to be safe this summer while having fun in the water.

Prevent Drowning

Here are some safety guidelines to minimize the risk of drowning.

* Always have an adult supervise children when they are swimming or playing in the water;

* Never swim alone in locations without a lifeguard; and

* Never drink alcohol when swimming, boating, water skiing or supervising children.



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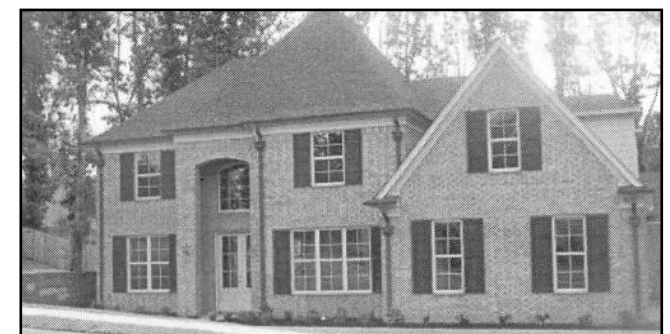
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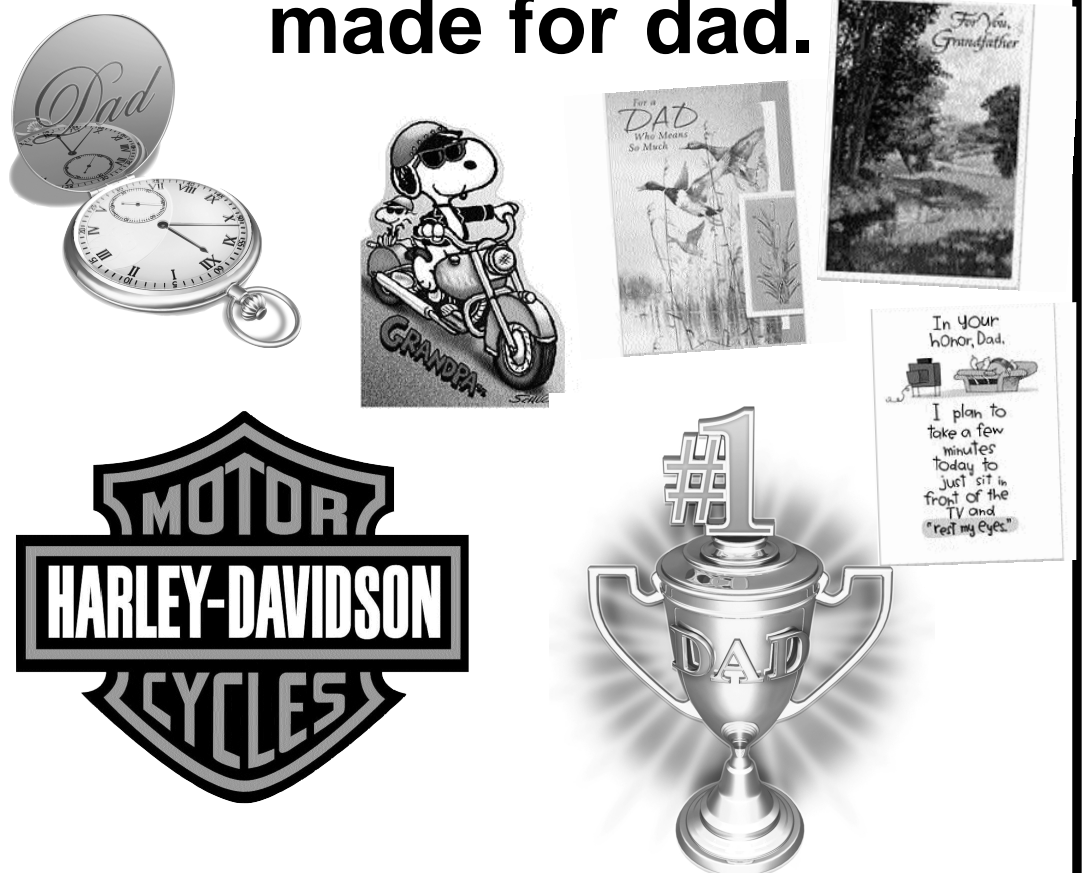
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SAILORS WARNED OF VA DATA COMPROMISE

BY CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
PUBLIC AFFAIRS STAFF

WASHINGTON (NNS) - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced June 3 that active-duty sailors may be affected by the theft in May of military personnel data.

According to the VA, a duplicate database with data files was stolen from a VA employee's home May 3. While the VA has received no reports that the stolen data has been used for fraudulent purposes, they are asking all veterans to be extra vigilant and to carefully monitor bank statements, credit card statements and any statements relating to recent financial transactions. Several resources are available for people to go to for more information. The Department of Veterans Affairs has set up a special Web site (www.firstgov.gov) and

a toll-free telephone number (800-FED-INFO or 800-333-4636) that feature up-to-date news and information on the data compromise. The site offers tips on how to check credit reports, how to guard against identity theft and whom to call if an individual believes any fraudulent activity is occurring using his or her personal information.

The Navy and Department of Defense are working closely with the VA to determine how many sailors and other service members may be affected by the compromise of records. A letter from the VA and the Navy will notify sailors whose information

has been compromised so they can take the appropriate steps. Tips on how to watch for suspicious activity include the following: Closely monitor your bank and credit card statements for fraudulent transac-

tions. Monitoring accounts online is the best way to detect fraud early; Place a 90-day fraud alert on your credit report, which tells creditors to contact you before opening any new accounts or making any changes to your existing accounts. This action may cause some delays if you are trying to obtain new credit.

It is only necessary to contact one of three companies to place an alert. That company is then required to contact the other two.

The three companies are Equifax ((800) 525-6285, <http://www.equifax.com>), Experian ((888) 397-3742, <http://www.experian.com>) and TransUnion ((800) 680-7289, <http://www.transunion.com>).

Once the fraud alert has been posted, you are entitled to free copies of your credit reports. Review these

reports for inquiries from companies you haven't contacted or accounts you didn't open. The alert can be renewed after 90 days.

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Ex-spouse

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court order, it continues to withhold taxes on full annuities, including whatever portion the retiree pays directly to an ex-spouse. This can complicate retiree plans to have ex-spouses share the tax burden.

The 10-year rule also can confuse lawyers, judges, retirees and spouses. The term suggests that retired pay can't be divided unless a marriage lasts a decade. In fact, the 10-year rule impacts only automatic payments DFAS. As many retirees will attest, divorce court judges can, and do, divide retirement as property for marriages of any length.

Frank W. Ault, executive director of the American Retirees Association, an

advocacy group for divorced military retirees, said ARA supports the Senate changes. Indeed, "abolition of the 10-year rule was one of our recommendations," said Ault, referring to a package of legislative changes ARA drafted for Congress to consider last year. No lawmaker could be found to introduce it as legislation, however.

Ault said one ARA concern with the 10-year rule has been that without DFAS handling all court orders to divide retired pay, "we never really have known what the (USFSPA) population is out there. It's an advantage for us to know that" in pushing Congress to make more substantive changes.

DFAS says it now divides with ex-spouses the retired pay of 82,887 military retirees. That number includes 4,046 court orders received in 2005 that satis-

fied the 10-year rule.

The House and Senate continue to approach the USFSPA with caution, avoiding changes perceived as tipping the law in favor of either retirees or of ex-spouses. The rationale for the Senate bill changes are taken from a comprehensive review of USFSPA that Defense officials completed in 2001.


The committee's own report mimics the DoD study in finding "overwhelming justification" for abolishing the 10-year rule. It notes that no other known retirement system or plan carries such a restriction. It says repeal would prevent courts, lawyers, retirees and spouses "from mistakenly interpreting this rule as a prerequisite to allocation of retired pay."

Still not addressed by Congress, said Ault, "are the major problems that mili-


tary people have" with the USFSPA. "They still resent having their pay called 'property.' They still resent giving it to a spouse for life for a marriage of minutes. They still would like to get rid of the windfall benefit," a reference to courts dividing retired pay without taking into account the affect of promotions and pay raises earned after the marriage dissolved.

And a growing number of service members, said Ault, resent court orders that force them to share retired pay before they actually retire. Both the House and Senate again this year have ignored a Defense Department request to ban court orders that involve such "imputation of retired pay."

"The (Senate) changes are constructive," Ault said, "but far below what's needed to get this law on track."

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At left, Thomas Powell displays the plaque presented to him by his co-workers at NAVFAC Midwest Public Works Department Mid-South upon the occasion of his retirement from federal service. Powell worked for the government for more than 31 years, most recently as an architecture technician with the Project Management/Engineering Branch.

Below, QMC Kevin Snoddy is presented with his Fleet Reserve certificate at his retirement ceremony last week, bringing to an end more than 20 years of naval service.



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Lois Lane

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one block," she recalled. This posed a challenge for both the cast and crew, as Neill explained, "We would get our call sheets the day before the shoot. George (Reeves, aka Superman/Clark Kent), Jack (Larson, aka Jimmy Olsen) and I would study the scripts and rehearse our lines so that we would not mess up on camera." Then a thought crossed their minds, said Neill, "Why does John (Hamilton, aka *Daily Planet* editor Perry White) never confuse scenes or forget his lines? Then, one day, we finally learned how he pulled it off." She smiled and continued, "For much of the series, John's scenes were shot with him seated behind his desk, which was always covered with newspaper 'copy.' In reality, the 'copy' was actually his scripts and John was reading off the pages. He was cheating."

Her eyes teared up when asked which of the 78 episodes she appeared in is her favorite. Neill nodded her head and replied, "The Wedding of Superman." Neill said most fans and television critics felt this episode contained Reeves' most tender moments of the entire series. "My most dramatic scene was when Lois realizes that the entire event was nothing more than a dream. Then I began



Noel Neill as Lois Lane and George Reeves as Superman. (Photo courtesy of Noel Neill)

shedding a few tears." In fact, Neill delivered such a believable performance that the cast and crew broke out with applause, including Hamilton. Neill recalled, "He told me, 'Nice job,' which was the first time John ever paid me a compliment."

Though there have been other actors who have portrayed Superman on the large and small screen, to the original 'live-action' Lois Lane, there is only one Superman. "George is, and always will be, Superman. He was a kind, gentle man who cared about the kids who watched our show. He was a good friend and supportive co-worker," Neill said. The death of Reeves 47-years ago tomorrow, took its toll on Neill when it came to her acting career.

She has done relatively little acting during the past 40-years. "I lost my enthusiasm after George's mysterious death," a clear reference to the debate over whether Reeves committed suicide or was murdered. That discussion still goes on among his legions of fans even today.

The Adventures of Superman has never been off-the-air, as it has been seen on TVs around the world somewhere since it ended production in 1957 and went into syndication. Neill and Larson have taken on the role of keeper of the flame for the program since the 1970s. They continue to make personal appearances on various Superman documentaries, at conventions and on college campuses. The *Daily Planet* duo was reunited in 1991 when they

appeared in the syndicated *Superboy* television series and can be seen together once again, this time in *Superman Returns*, starring Brandon Routh as the Last Son of Krypton. "Being together with Jack on the filming of the new movie was just great," said Neill. *Superman Returns* debuts in movie theaters nationwide on June 28.

Other celebrities scheduled to appear include Jon Provost (Timmy from *Lassie*), Ken Osmond and Frank Bank (Eddie Haskell and Clarence "Lumpy" Rutherford from *Leave It to Beaver*), and *F Troop*'s James Hampton. Go online, <http://users3.ev1.net/~pugdad/MFF3/index.htm> for more information on the 2006 Memphis Film Festival.

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as of June 9, 2006				
POS.	TEAM	W	L	TIES
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T-2ND	(3) NBHC	7	1	0
T-2ND	(9) COE'S	7	1	0
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7TH	(4) MWR DO OVERS	3	5	1
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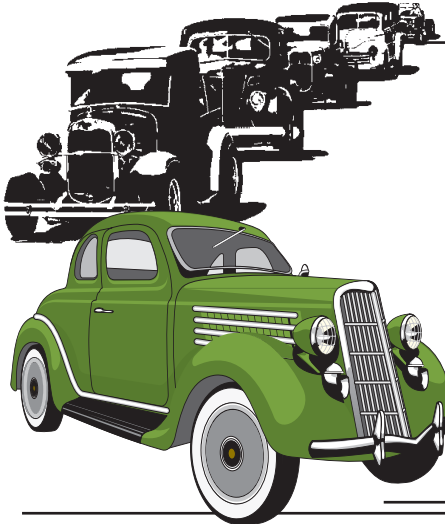
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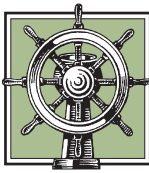
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<div><p>FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY BRUNCH Helmsman Complex 11 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.</p><div></div><p>Free Movie 7 p.m. at the Ellison Rec. Center <i>Stay Alive</i> (PG 13)</p></div>					<div><p>Helmsman Lunch Buffet 23 Fried Catfish Fried Shrimp</p><p>Mongolian BBQ 5 - 8 p.m. Helmsman Complex</p><div></div><p>BINGO 4-10 p.m. Bingo Hall!</p><p>Free Movie 7 p.m. at the Ellison Rec. Center <i>Ultraviolet</i> (PG 13)</p></div>	<div><p>Ballet, Jazz and Tap Class 24 every Sat. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Conference Center</p><div></div><p>FAMILY MOVIE DAY! Ellison Rec. Center 1 - 4 p.m. (Movie begins at 1:30 p.m.) <i>Curious George</i> (G)</p><p>Free Movie 7 p.m. at the Ellison Rec. Center <i>Basic Instinct</i> (R)</p></div>



A wife's duty

Katie Fowler receives the Meritorious Public Service Award from Rear Adm. David Gove, commander of the Navy Personnel Command, during her husband, Rear Adm. Jeffrey L. Fowler's, promotion ceremony. During the past three years, Mrs. Fowler has been an active member and advisor with the Mid-South Officers' Spouses Association. (Photo by PH3 Joseph Buliavac)

Navy launches official podcast

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NEW ORLEANS (NNS) — The Navy Reserve Forces Command (NRFC) released the inaugural official podcast of the Navy Reserve Force June 6. Available through the Navy Reserve Web site and major podcasting directories, the Navy Reserve podcast will report all current news affecting the Reserve Component as well as information from Navy Reserve

leadership and stories of stellar Sailors in the Navy Reserve Force. "The Navy Reserve is taking the lead in communicating to our key stakeholders," said the NRFC commander, Rear Adm. Craig O. McDonald. "Not only are we putting out relevant and timely information, but we're also reaching out by using technology that is increasingly used among our sailors and future recruits."

With the increasing use of the Internet to communicate news and information, the Navy Reserve Force aims to communi-

cate the Navy message in a state-of-the-art format that's enjoyable and informative to its listeners. The NRFC podcast will be made available for downloading through the NRFC Web site as well as several podcast directories to reach the largest audience possible. Podcast updates will be available bi-weekly from Navy Reserve Headquarters in New Orleans.

To listen to the Navy Reserve podcast, go to <http://navyreserve.navy.mil> or go to keyword "Navy Reserve" in your favorite podcast directory.



CARRYING THE FLAG

ETCS Roland Midgett proudly carries the chief petty officer flag while he and ETC Ben Stearnes show some Navy pride with a morning run during CPO PT last Wednesday. (Photo by Art Frith)



GOING UP

Going Up - As of June 19, the price for military regulation haircuts at the NEX Barber Shop will increase to \$8. (Photo by David W. Crenshaw)

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